

OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN EARL BLUMENAUER
APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM
FISCAL YEAR 2011

Instructions

1. Please complete the entire form. **All fields are required.**
2. Please do not **bold**, underline, or *italicize* responses.
3. Request forms must be submitted as a Word document.
4. All completed request forms and any supplemental materials must be submitted via email to:
Appropriations.Blumenauer@mail.house.gov
5. Please do not send more than one request per email.
6. All completed request forms must be submitted no later than **Friday, February 26, 2010.**
7. If you do not receive an email confirming receipt of your request within 48 hours of submission, please contact Stephanie Cappa in Congressman Blumenauer's Washington, D.C. office at 202-225-4811.

PLEASE NOTE: All appropriations requests submitted to Congressman Blumenauer's office will be made public on his website, as required by the House Committee on Appropriations.

Project Details

1. **Project title:** Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicle Virtual Trainers (MRAP-VVT)

2. **Organization name and address** (the recipient of the funds):
Oregon National Guard
1776 Militia Way
Salem, OR 97309

3. **Contact information**
 - a. **Project's primary contact:** Brigadier General Mike Caldwell
 - b. **Daytime telephone number/ mobile phone number:** (503)584-3985
 - c. **Email Address:** mike.caldwell@mil.state.or.us
 - d. **Project location** (if different than organization's address): Various

4. **Please describe the requesting organization's main activities.**
The OR National Guard is vital to national defense and homeland security.

5. **Is this organization a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity?**
Public

6. **From what federal agency and account are you requesting funds (Please be specific –e.g., Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account)?**

OPA3 Line 177 - Training Devices, Nonsystem

7. Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested (no more than 500 words).

During FY11 the Army National Guard must continue fielding the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicle Virtual Trainers (MRAP-VVT) in order to train soldiers to operate this new family of Army vehicles that is being fielded and deployed in support of Current Operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. MRAP Vehicle Virtual Trainer fielding is the Army National Guard's # 1 priority in support of Current Operations training procurement. MRAP Vehicle Virtual Trainers allow soldiers who have limited or no opportunity to conduct training on the actual vehicles - to learn to operate MRAP vehicles on "Virtual Battlefields" that are geo-specifically accurate for major areas of Iraq and Afghanistan. Without funding for this program, our soldiers will continue to have only two trainers nation-wide that allow them to learn to operate MRAP vehicles over the streets and terrain that they will encounter when deployed for operations.

8. What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon?

Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicle Virtual Trainers (MRAP-VVT) are required for numerous Oregon National Guard units that continue to be deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan where MRAP vehicles are rapidly becoming the vehicles that are primarily used for combat and security operations. MRAP vehicle crews must be properly trained because they can continue to expect attacks via Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) and ambushes. MRAP crews must be prepared to defend themselves and to defeat the enemy force. Since almost no MRAP vehicles are available in the United States for training, MRAP Vehicle Virtual Trainers are essential in order to provide the training necessary for these crews to learn the skills necessary to operate the vehicles and to survive and win.

9. Has this project received federal appropriations funding in past fiscal years?

Yes

9a. If yes, please provide the fiscal year, Department, Account, and funding amount of any previous funding.

Congressional Funding History: **FY 2010- \$11.4 Million**

Funding Details

10. Amount requested for this project: \$6 Million

11. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project (e.g., salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000):

\$6 Million is needed for the procurement of Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicle Virtual Trainers (MRAP-VVT) for the Oregon National Guard.

12. What is the total cost of the project? \$6 Million

13. Is this project scalable (i.e., If partial funding is awarded, will the organization still be able to use the funds in FY 2011?)? Yes

14. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity? (Please be specific about funding sources and funding amounts)

None

15. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project.

None

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